GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether sportspersons of our country are taking part in international sports competitions at their own expenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide funds and modern technical assistance to the sportspersons who bring pride to our country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of funds released during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) & (b): In the case of sports/games disciplines that are recognized by the Central Government,the participation of sportspersons in international sports competitions,is fully funded by the Government for mandatory events such as Olympic Games,World Cups,World Championships,Asian Games,Commonwealth Games,Asian and Commonwealth Championships.In the case of other events,the Government allows participation in two events at full cost,and in two more events at air passage cost only.

(c) & (d): The Government provides funds and technical support to sportspersons through various Schemes,such as Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations,Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training and National Sports Development Fund. Under these Schemes,the assistance is provided for holding competitions,training,equipment procurement,hiring foreign coaches,providing scientific equipment,etc.

(e) The details of funds released during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Name of Scheme	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (Budget Estimate)
	(Rs. in crore)			
National Sports Federations	43.00	37.08	57.49	54.00
Talent Search and Training	0.50	2.80	3.00	5.00
National Sports Development Fund	0.04	0.05	5.00	5.25